

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-5. (cancelled)

6. (original) An information recording apparatus comprising:

a writing device capable of writing record information onto an information recording medium comprising first and second recording layers;

a first controlling device for controlling said writing device to continuously write the record information into the first and second recording layers;

a second controlling device for controlling said writing device to write a predetermined amount of buffer data on an outer circumferential side of the record information written in the first and second recording layers; and

a third controlling device for controlling said writing device to add buffer data on an outer circumferential side of the predetermined amount of buffer data.

7. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said second controlling device responds to a first border close instruction after the record information is recorded over the first and second recording layers.

8. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said third controlling device responds to a finalize instruction.

9. (original) An information recording method in an information recording apparatus comprising: a writing device capable of writing record information onto an information recording medium comprising first and second recording layers,

said information recording method comprising:

a first controlling process of controlling said writing device to continuously write the record information into the first and second recording layers;

a second controlling process of controlling said writing device to write a predetermined amount of buffer data on an outer circumferential side of the record information written in the first and second recording layers; and

a third controlling process of controlling said writing device to add buffer data on an outer circumferential side of the predetermined amount of buffer data.

10. (cancelled)